

SWINE FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER EXPORTED TO CANADA

Certification is 'two part' in nature with (i) general certification being endorsed by USDA and (ii) certification within 7 days of export being provided by the U.S. accredited veterinarian only. Additional documentation is required to be provided by the truck driver and/or exporter as outlined at the end of this document.

Animal identification is by either a slap tattoo or a metal ear tag. The Canadian importer is responsible for the slap tattoo identification of the animals. The importer will assign the unique slap tattoo numbers to the exporter. The importer will also either supply the equipment necessary to the exporter or otherwise make sure that the exporter has adequate tattoo equipment available.

Routing in the United States - if the conveyance is to proceed through a state other than a IV or V pseudorabies state, it must follow the route specified in the import permit.

Part I - Certification provided by the USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian or provided directly by a USDA veterinarian:

The standard U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS 17-140) can be used, and the following certification statements must be included on the certificate.

This certificate must state:

- (1) that the swine are being exported for immediate slaughter
- (2) that the swine are being exported directly from the farm(s) of origin and not from a place of assembly
- (3) that the state of origin is a Stage IV or V state under the Pseudorabies Eradication Program and is a Stage III state under the Swine Brucellosis Eradication Program Uniform Methods and Rules,
- (4) that the swine were born and have been continuously resident in a state with the above-mentioned health status OR the swine were born in Canada and since birth, have been continuously resident in Canada and in states which have been assigned the above status for pseudorabies and brucellosis (swine could have been in more than one state provided that all of the states were eligible to export slaughter swine)
- (5) that the herd of origin was not a pseudorabies-infected herd,
- (6) that during the previous twelve (12) months, pseudorabies has not been diagnosed or known to exist in any swine herd within 20 miles of the herd of origin in the state of origin or any adjacent state
- (7) that the swine herd of the state of origin has been monitored for pseudorabies antibody at levels not less than national program standards.

Part II - Certification provided by the USDA accredited veterinarian within 7 days prior to shipping

(note: a certificate which can be used is attached to the end of this file. The certificate number should be the same as the certificate as described in Part I, with the notation 'PtII' added. For example, if the certificate as described in Part I is number C1234, then this would be C1234-PtII)

This certificate must state:

- (1) within 7 days of export to Canada, the herd of origin was inspected and found to be free of

clinical disease symptoms and epidemiological information indicative of PRV infection,
(2) at that time, the animals to be exported were free of clinical signs of communicable disease, fit to travel, and could be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or other causes.

(3) that the exporter has been assigned the unique tattoo number “_____”, appropriate equipment for the application of a slap tattoo and instruction for the application of the tattoo, or to write the sequence or numbers of the approved metal ear tag.

Swine from more than one exporter may be included in a shipment but swine may not be imported into Canada from an assembly yard.

Documentation to be provided by the transporter and endorsed by the exporter:

The truck driver must have in his possession written documentation verifying that the truck was cleaned and disinfected (C&D) prior to the loading of the animals at the farm of origin, with date and time of C&D noted. The exporter must endorse the documentation verifying that the truck had been cleaned and disinfected immediately prior to the loading of the animals being exported.

Each shipment will be accompanied by a shipping manifest identifying the exporter, the importer, the transportation agent, the import permit number, the export health certificate number, the tattoo number that was applied to each animal being exported, the number of hogs in the shipment, the routing in the USA and the date and time of departure from the premise of origin.

This shipping manifest will be signed by the exporter and the truck driver.

The truck driver and the exporter have the following responsibilities in these shipments.

The truck driver shall:

- prior to loading of slaughter swine, have the truck cleaned and disinfected (C&D) and obtain the required certificate/documentation which specifies the date and time of C&D.
- ensure that he/she acquires the fully completed four (4) documents that must accompany the shipment (copy of import permit, completed export health certificate, validated C&D document, and completed shipping manifest.)
- observes the routing requirements of the import permit as advised by the importer.

The exporter shall:

- within the 24 hour period preceding export, and preferably at the time of loading, tattoo the shoulder area of each hog being exported to Canada with the specified identification number assigned using the slap tattoo applicator or place the metal ear tag.
- prior to the loading of the hogs, verify that the truck has been cleaned and disinfected through a visual examination and validate the C&D documentation by signing and dating it.
- ensure that the shipping manifest is complete including the import permit and export certificate numbers, the tattoo number or metal ear tag number, number of swine in the shipment, and the date and time of departure.

The shipping manifest must be signed by both the exporter and the truck driver.

- ensure that the truck driver is provided with a copy of the import permit, the completed export health certificate, the validated C&D document and the completed shipping manifest.
- if swine from more than one exporter are included in the shipment, a shipping manifest shall be prepared for the swine from each exporter and accompany the veterinary health certificate and copy of the relevant import permit.

**ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN'S CERTIFICATE FOR SLAUGHTER
SWINE EXPORT TO CANADA**

Consignor name and address:

Consignee name and address:

Import permit number: _____

I, _____, a veterinarian accredited by USDA-APHIS, hereby
certify to the following in relation to the swine identified on this certificate:

- (1) Within 7 days of export to Canada, I inspected the herd of origin and found it to be free of clinical disease symptoms and epidemiological information indicative of PRV infection,
- (2) At the time of inspection, the animals to be exported were free of clinical signs of communicable disease, fit to travel, and could be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or other causes.
- (3) The exporter has been assigned the unique tattoo number “_____”, appropriate equipment for the application of a slap tattoo and instruction for the application of the tattoo, or a metal ear tag.

Signature of accredited veterinarian

Date of issue

Name and address of accredited veterinarian: _____

